Air services in Chhattisgarh

†2573. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh have submitted a proposal to the Central Government for getting approval for introducing air service in the interiors of the State;

(b) if so, the date since when it is pending with the Central Government for approval;

(c) whether any progress has been made in granting approval to the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Long working hours for pilots

2574. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of news reports stating that many airlines force their pilots to fly for longer hours, thus endangering the security of air passengers;

(b) if so, the details of any action contemplated or taken in this regard;

(c) whether the international system of upper-limit of maximum flying hours for commercial pilots exists in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have not received any such representation or complaint from the pilots.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Flight Duty Time and Flight Time Limitation for Flight Crew have been specified by DGCA in their Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) 28/1992 in accordance with international practices. It also contains

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